

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

MARCH 27, 2007

REGULAR MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Bill Williams, Vice Chairman Jerry W. Barnes, and Commissioners Carmen L. McLemore, Billy E. Traylor, and Nathan Peters, Jr.

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, E.D.C. Director Alan McNair, Grant Writer Loretta Costin, Human Resources Director Denise Manuel, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Planner David Richardson, Road Department Superintendent Bobby Knee, Solid Waste Director Joe Danford, Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Ricky Tolbert, and Sheriff's Office Deputy Lester Greenwood.

Deputy Greenwood called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., E.T.

Chairman Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and Commissioner Barnes opened the meeting with prayer.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the following Consent Agenda items. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, based on removal of item #5 (Page 26). This being agreeable, the motion did then pass unanimously.

1. Direct Purchase Requisition - Honeyville Community Center (Metal Buildings * United Structures of America * \$107,645.30)
2. Grant Agreement - Gulf County Emergency Management (Emergency Management Performance Grant * \$23,226.00 * #07BG-04-02-33-01-250)
3. Invoices - Bay Medical Center (#0600700173 * \$877.04 / #0623800079 * \$2,631.12 / #0626200769 * \$6,139.28 / #0627900482 * \$399.84 / #0634600796 * \$1,754.08 / #0700200435 * \$3,437.97 / #0701200097 * \$363.42 / #0701200346 * \$6,875.94 / #0701400132 * \$1,145.99 / #0702400484 * \$254.78 * to be paid from Account #51462-31500)
4. S.H.I.P. - Purchase Assistance (\$10,115.00 - Jammie and Sheila Baker/James and Patricia Whitehurst)

****DELETE**** 5. Solid Waste - Tipping Fees Write-Off (\$88,052.62)

6. Utility Easement - Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative, Inc. (New Wewahitchka Health Department)

(End)

PUBLIC HEARING - LAND USE ORDINANCE - HILLTOP

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a proposed ordinance governing land use in Gulf County, County Attorney McFarland read the proposed ordinance by title and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the following-titled ordinance. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BY AND THROUGH PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR SMALL-SCALE MAP AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY UNDER STATE STATUTES SECTION 163.3187, SPECIFICALLY CHANGING A PORTION OF PARCEL ID #02977-050R, 9.828 ACRES OF A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING PART OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA FROM INDUSTRIAL TO MIXED COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Complete Ordinance on file with Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 2007-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BY AND THROUGH PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR SMALL-SCALE MAP AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY UNDER STATE STATUTES SECTION 163.3187, SPECIFICALLY CHANGING A PORTION OF PARCEL ID #02977-100R, 10.0 ACRES OF A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING PART OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA FROM AGRICULTURAL TO MIXED COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL; AND PROVIDING AN

EFFECTIVE DATE.

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P.D.R.B. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board then addressed the following recommendations from the March 21, 2007 meeting of the Planning & Development Review Board:

PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL - VILLA SOLE

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider preliminary plat approval for Villa Sole (Parcel ID #03179-005R * 9.6 acres in S19, T9S, R10W), County Attorney McFarland read the public hearing notice and called for public comment. Jean Huffman, Manager of St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve, appeared and discussed that they are opposed to this 12-unit development. Upon inquiry by Chairman Williams regarding Ms. Huffman speaking as an individual or as a representative of D.E.P. with the Buffer Reserve, Ms. Huffman stated that she is speaking on behalf of the Buffer Reserve. Ann Anderson appeared before the Board and discussed that she is a resident of the Money Bayou area, stating that she is opposed because it will impact the Buffer Preserve, and that this area is one of the last resources where the locals come on a regular basis to fish, and requested that this area be preserved as a County park. Planner Richardson discussed that this property has a long history, stating that the land has just been released by the Federal Court to sale, and that the only access to this property would be a bridge across the stream. Commissioner Peters discussed that people in Gulf County travel this area to access the beach, and it is very much needed for the public. Upon inquiry by Chairman Williams regarding public access in this area, Planner Richardson discussed that this is private property. County Attorney McFarland discussed that the County does not own this property, and the County would have to decide what rules to apply to protect the natural resources and allow the development to proceed with those rules in place. County Attorney McFarland recommended that this issue be tabled, and request that the owner provide additional information as to protections for the Buffer Preserve. Commissioner Peters motioned to table this issue. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion for discussion. Gail Alsobrook, P.D.R.B. Member, appeared before the Board and discussed that the Department of Justice owned this property, and Planner Richardson discussed that the Department of Justice may own the property, but the potential buyer has a contract. After discussion by the Board, Chairman Williams requested Planner Richardson to follow-up with the property owner. The motion then passed unanimously.

APPROVAL - ST. JOE COMPANY AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROPOSAL

County Attorney McFarland discussed that the P.D.R.B. recommends acceptance of the St. Joe Company Affordable Housing Proposal, contingent upon the Board's final density and development stipulation. Commissioner Peters motioned to table this issue. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

VARIANCE APPROVAL - WINDOLF CONSTRUCTION

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider a variance for a C.O. by Windolf Construction to allow the width of the exterior wall finishing to encroach into the side setbacks (contingent upon approval by the Homeowner's Association or Developer of the Subdivision), County Attorney McFarland read the public hearing notice and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this variance request, as recommended by the Planning & Development Review Board. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PROCLAMATION - EARLY LEARNING COALITION

Ken Whitaker, of Early Learning Coalition of Northwest Florida, appeared and discussed that it is the twelfth annual Children's Week celebrating Parent's and Children from March 25th through April 1st. He discussed that the purpose of Children's Week is to create a shared vision of the State of Florida's commitment to its children and families, and to encourage a long term process to develop and influence strategies for moving the shared vision forward by encouraging children's week activities to occur locally in all of Florida's Counties. County Attorney McFarland read the proposed Proclamation, and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner Peters motioned to adopt the following Proclamation. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 12th Annual Children's Week "Celebrating Parents and Children" will take place in Tallahassee from March 25, 2007 to April 1, 2007, bringing thousands of parents, children, professionals, community leaders and concerned citizens together to share valuable knowledge and information about children's issues across the state and in our Capitol City; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Children's Week is to create a shared vision of the State of Florida's commitment to its children and families and to engage a long-term process to develop and implement strategies for moving the shared vision forward; and does so by encouraging Children's Week activities to occur locally in all of Florida's Counties to strengthen and enrich our families and our communities; and

WHEREAS, Children's Week has teamed up with the Association of Early Learning Coalitions, the Florida Department of Health's Step Up Florida program, Prevent Child Abuse Florida's Winds of Change campaign, and dozens of leading statewide non-profit organizations to expand the network of community involvement and advocacy on a wide array of children and family issues at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the Early Learning Coalition of Northwest Florida, is one of 31 Early Learning Coalitions in the State of Florida legislatively mandated to manage and oversee

state and federal-funded early education and care programs in Gulf County so that children will have the optimal health, education, and care they need to promote early learning so that they can be successful in school and in life; and

WHEREAS, Step Up, Florida! is an annual statewide health initiative developed by the Florida Department of Health that promotes the importance of daily physical activity and highlights the variety of physical activity opportunities available for all Florida residents by hosting local events throughout the month of February. Step Up, Florida! activities are coordinated by the local Chronic Disease Health Promotion and Education Coordinators (CDHPE's) in all 67 counties; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month, Prevent Child Abuse Florida, in partnership with the Ounce of Prevention Fund and the Florida Department of Children and Families, is launching a statewide public awareness and education campaign during April 2007 with the campaign theme, Winds of Change - Turning Choices into Change, and is symbolized by the pinwheel, representing this shift or wind of change; and

WHEREAS, multiple local and statewide non-profit organizations representing many different children's issues are participating in the celebration of Children's Week in each county, providing a holistic approach to the well-being of children; and encompassing all issues which impact Florida's children and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida that we do hereby proclaim 28, March, 2007, as:

CHILDREN'S DAY IN GULF COUNTY

and April 1, 2007 as:

PARENTS AND CHILDREN'S DAY IN GULF COUNTY

Originally established as "Children's Day" in 1988, the 2002 Florida Legislature renamed this official, statewide Florida holiday as "Parents and Children's Day" to more fully reflect support of the most important institution in Florida - the family.

Duly executed this 27 day of March 2007.

(End)

HONEYVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER/STORM SHELTER

Grant Writer Costin discussed that the County applied for an Emergency Management Grant for the Honeyville Storm Shelter, and has been awarded up to \$562,000.00 for this facility. She discussed that since these are Federal funds, there has to be another application completed on hazardous mitigation, stating that this has to be submitted to the State, and they will do a cost benefit analysis and determine how much of the \$562,000.00 the County receives. Grant

Writer Costin requested permission for the Chairman to sign the application. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

FLORIDA BOATING IMPROVEMENT GRANT

Grant Writer Costin discussed the Florida Boating Improvement Grant, and requested the Board review and notify her of any projects to submit with the application.

INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE

Grant Writer Costin discussed that the Inter-Agency Task Force will hold a meeting on April 3rd at 10:00 a.m., E.T. in the Board Room, and Robert Chancez with the James Madison Institute will be the Speaker.

ROAD CLOSURE - HOWARD CREEK

Chief Administrator Butler discussed that Howard Creek Baptist Church has an event at the Church on Saturday afternoon and is expecting approximately 300 people, and has requested permission to close Squirrel Avenue and Kay Avenue for the evening. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request and close the roads for the day. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OVERSTREET WATER SYSTEM / D.E.P. PERMIT

Chief Administrator Butler requested permission to sign the D.E.P. permit for the Overstreet water system. Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

COURTHOUSE ROOF

Chief Administrator Butler discussed that the contractor has concerns with the way the windows and the roof are drawn in the plans, stating that it is going to cause a trough under the windows which will allow for potential leaking. He discussed that the contractor and architect are requesting permission to shorten the windows to prevent this problem. Upon inquiry by Chairman Williams regarding the cost, Chief Administrator Butler discussed that there will be no additional cost to the County. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

HONEYVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER/STORM SHELTER

Chief Administrator Butler discussed that the Notice to Proceed for the Honeyville Community Center/Shelter was issued and the contractor signed the contract today, and they have 10 days to provide the Bond to the County. Commissioner McLemore motioned for Chairman Williams to sign the contract. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE AUDIT

Chief Administrator Butler discussed that the auditors have reported what they have audited and what they bid on are two different things, stating that one Constitutional Officer took an additional 200 hours, and that there was about 375 hours of extra work (they are willing to reduce the rate by 50% for the additional hours). Chief Administrator Butler recommended that they be allowed to get additional funding as needed. Commissioner Traylor discussed that the public needs to be informed on this issue, and Chief Administrator Butler discussed that the problem was with the Sheriff's Office. Chairman Williams discussed that the Board continues to pay the tab for the Sheriff's Office. Chief Administrator Butler discussed that the previous years cannot be fixed, but requested it be fixed by next year. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore regarding the cost, Chief Administrator Butler discussed the cost will be \$13,000.00 - \$15,000.00. Commissioner McLemore motioned to pay the additional audit fees. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion for discussion. Commissioner Traylor discussed that the issue is not to let this happen again, and that he is very concerned about it not being done correctly. Chairman Williams discussed that the Sheriff is an elected official just like the Board members and he is responsible for the inter-operations of that facility. After discussion by the Board, the motion then passed 4 to 1, with Chairman Williams voting no. Keith Jones, County Auditor, appeared before the Board and gave an update on the audit, stating that the request for proposals had requested that the report be issued by March 31st, and that he anticipates an April 30th issue date. Jeff Barbacci, County Auditor, appeared before the Board and discussed the problems at the Sheriff's Office, stating that it is a small office and there are issues. He discussed that there is not enough information for them to perform the audit, stating that the uniform chart of accounts is not being followed, there are not enough people in place to have internal control by a segregation of duties, and no checks and balances in place that the auditors can rely on to give a qualified opinion of the financial statements. Mr. Barbacci discussed that when they issue the financial statements, their recommendations will be issued to all the Constitutional Officers except the Sheriff, and that these statements will be furnished to the State.

RESOLUTION - WETAPPO CREEK

County Attorney McFarland read a proposed Resolution regarding bridge construction/transportation at Wetappo Creek, and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the following resolution. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-04

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners is charged with the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Gulf County, Florida pursuant to Florida Statute 125.01; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners is charged, pursuant to

its Comprehensive Plan, with the protection and promotion of environmentally sensitive areas within Gulf County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Wetappo Creek is located at the Intercoastal Waterway in Gulf County, Florida between Port St. Joe and Panama City with a nautical location of 30°00.631"N by 085°22.474"W with the navigation of large vessels ending at the Pleasant Rest Cemetery bridge located at 30°00.769"N by 085°19.482"W. The approximate length of the navigational portion of which is 5.2 nautical miles; and

WHEREAS, Wetappo Creek is the only large deep water creek in Gulf County which can offer protection to large, small and deep draft vessels, both commercial and private during inclement weather and hurricane storms; and

WHEREAS, Wetappo Creek is the only deep water creek in Gulf County which can accommodate deep draft commercial and private vessels, with no constraints on height to a maximum of sixty-five (65) feet or greater; and

WHEREAS, many traveling vessels utilize Wetappo Creek for safe anchorage for the night on a routine basis; and

WHEREAS, many large and small resident vessels currently make Wetappo Creek their home, including larger sailing vessels and ocean going vessels that travel to all ports of the world; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners seek to protect navigation on Wetappo Creek from being obstructed or blocked entirely by the erection of low bridges or any other obstruction that would limit the use of Wetappo Creek during times of hurricanes or other inclement weather as has been its history,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners as follows:

1. The erection of any bridge or other structure on or across Wetappo Creek shall have a minimum height restriction of sixty-five (65) vertical foot as measured from the mean high waterline in the affected area.
2. Further, there shall be no erection of docks, portable or floating facilities or any other obstruction to navigation erected or placed on, upon or across Wetappo Creek which in anyway obstructs navigation of Wetappo Creek.

DULY adopted this 27th day of March, 2007.

(End)

F.E.M.A. - TRAVEL TRAILER

Emergency Management Director Nelson discussed page 23-24 of the Information Packet, stating that the County has been offered the option to purchase a F.E.M.A. travel trailer (\$1,800.00). He discussed that Emergency Management will convert the trailer into a command post for the emergency service agencies or search and rescue to use while they are out working in emergency situations.

TIPPING FEES WRITE-OFF

Upon inquiry by Commissioner Peters regarding the write-off of \$88,052.62 for landfill tipping fees, Solid Waste Director Danford discussed that Cumbaa Enterprises does not owe the County the funds, it is an exchange for them picking up the tires. He discussed that the landfill policy has been changed several times and Southeastern Mechanical, Inc. got caught in between the policy change regarding personal items being hauled on a company vehicle. Solid Waste Director Danford recommended that the \$21,379.13 charged to Southeastern Mechanical, Inc. be written off. He discussed that the other accounts are no longer in business and they have not been able to collect. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Peters regarding a collection agency handling these accounts, Solid Waste Director Danford discussed that the County does not have a policy to handle collection of these accounts. County Attorney McFarland discussed that this small amount is going to be hard for a collection agency to handle. After further discussion, Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SMALL-SCALE MAP AMENDMENT - BURNETT

Planner Richardson discussed that Troy A. Burnett has withdrawn his small-scale map amendment application, and is requesting a refund of the \$500.00 fee. Commissioner McLemore motioned to refund the \$500.00 application fee to Mr. Burnett. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SACRED HEART HOSPITAL

Joe Renfro, of The St. Joe Company, appeared before the Board and discussed that the permit for construction of the hospital has been received from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, stating that the drawings will be finalized on the site plans and the architectural drawings for the buildings, and the construction process should begin within the next 30 to 60 days.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Joe Renfro, of The St. Joe Company, appeared before the Board and discussed that if the Board has any questions regarding affordable housing before the next meeting, he should be contacted.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Commissioner Peters thanked Emergency Management Director Nelson for the Leadership Emergency Management meeting, stating that it was well taken by everyone involved in this program.

H.B. 1069 - BAY SEA GRASS

Commissioner McLemore discussed H.B. 1069 regarding sea grass in St. Joseph Bay, stating that D.E.P. is trying to stop all boat motors in the sea grass areas. He discussed that if H.B. 1069 passes it will affect a lot of the local businesses, and recommended that a letter be sent to Representative Patronis. Chairman Williams recommended that House Bill Sponsor, Representative Kendrick, of Franklin County be contacted on this issue. Commissioner McLemore motioned to take the necessary action to protect this bill. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

DRAINAGE DITCH EASEMENT

Commissioner McLemore discussed abandonment of the Whitfield drainage ditch easement from the previous meeting, and Chairman Williams discussed that he will review it before the next regular meeting.

DAMAGED DOOR - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Commissioner McLemore discussed a door that was damaged when the Sheriff's Department was attempting to apprehend a suspect. County Attorney McFarland discussed that the deputies were in pursuit of a suspect at St. Joe Beach that was fleeing and running from house to house, stating that the suspect attempted to hide in one of the houses, and a door was kicked in to capture him. County Attorney McFarland discussed that the home owner is requesting the door be repaired, and he has prepared a release for the home owner to sign. Commissioner Traylor motioned for the County to repair the door. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

COASTAL CONSTRUCTION CONTROL LINE AND EROSION CONTROL LINE

Commissioner Barnes discussed that he, Chairman Williams, Chief Administrator Butler, and individuals from the Beach Advisory Committee traveled to Tallahassee and met with Representative Patronis regarding relocation of the E.C.L. and C.C.C.L. , stating that they requested some changes to the rule, and they also met with Senator Lawson and D.E.P. Chairman Williams discussed that the entire County will be affected by these changes to the E.C.L. and C.C.C.L., stating that they have the potential to impact 247 homes. Commissioner Traylor discussed the meeting that was held at Rish Park on March 22nd , stating that there was not much advance notice, and there was standing room only at the meeting.

TAX REFORM

Chairman Williams discussed the tax reform, stating that small Counties (designated by

Statute less than 75,000 in population and less than \$5 million per millage rate) are exempt from the statutory rolled-back rate that initially was proposed to be set at the 2001 rate. He reported that Gulf County is exempt from having to return to the 2001 rolled-back rate.

HIGHLAND VIEW TOWN HALL MEETING / SEWER SYSTEM

Chairman Williams discussed that he will hold a special town hall meeting at Highland View Fire Department on April 5th at 6:00 p.m., E.T, to discuss the waste water project to the citizens.

MANDATED COMPUTER UPGRADE / BUDGET AMENDMENT

Chairman Williams discussed that Tax Collector Shirley Jenkins and Property Appraiser Kesley Colbert contacted him regarding the cost of a mandated computer upgrade for their offices, in the amount of \$26,000.00. Commissioner Peters discussed that he met with both parties, stating that Mrs. Jenkins does not have the funds available because she submitted a zero-based budget, and Mr. Colbert only has approximately \$6,000.00 (these computers need to be in their offices by May, 2007). Commissioner Peters motioned to amend the General Fund budget by reducing Reserves: Cash Carry Forward and increasing the Tax Collector (\$13,000.00) and Property Appraiser (\$7,000.00) budgets for these computer systems. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET

Chairman Williams discussed that he is committed to the deputies in this County, and requested that Chief Administrator Butler and Clerk Norris review the budget to see how to get the money and resources to the deputies where they are needed.

SPECIAL PROJECT PAYMENTS

Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the following Special Project payments to be paid from Parks & Recreation.

Dist. 1	Gene Raffield Cheerleaders - Donation	\$100.00
Dist. 2	Gene Raffield Cheerleaders - Donation	\$100.00
Dist. 3	Gene Raffield Cheerleaders - Donation	\$100.00
Dist. 4	Gene Raffield Cheerleaders - Donation	\$100.00
Dist. 5	Gene Raffield Cheerleaders - Donation	\$100.00

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran appeared before the Board and discussed the history of mosquito control operations, stating up until this inspection that the State allowed Gulf County to use phone calls from citizens as justification for spraying. He discussed that this was allowed due to Gulf County being a small County with few employees. Mosquito Control Director Cothran discussed that the County has been put back under the codes, stating that Mosquito Control has to go by the rules in the Florida Administrative Code Chapter 5E-13. He discussed that when they receive complaint calls on mosquitos, they now make an inspection list and send the inspectors out to document along the way in order to justify spraying. Upon inquiry by Mosquito Control Director Cothran regarding the spray times, Commissioner McLemore discussed that Mosquito Control Director Cothran knows the locations that need to be sprayed before dark. After discussion by the Board, Commissioner McLemore motioned to follow the recommendations of Mosquito Control Director Cothran for the spray times. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Solid Waste Director Danford discussed that Mark Cothran is going to make a great Mosquito Control Director for Gulf County.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE - BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Stan Siprell, Vice President of Local Home Builders Association, appeared before the Board and discussed a proposed ordinance for the Building Department that will regulate Contractors, Sub-Contractors, and Speciality Contractors in the County. He discussed at this time Gulf County does not have a similar ordinance, stating that Gulf County needs this ordinance restricting all the contractors. Building Official Collinsworth discussed that he has been receiving calls, stating that he has contacted the State and Workmen's Compensation, and that he has no authority to check the job sites for workmen's compensation insurance. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore regarding contractors coming from out-of-state, Building Official Collinsworth discussed that this has become a big problem, because they are coming on the weekend and working while the Building Department is closed. He discussed that there are some exemptions in the Florida Statutes, stating that homeowners can pull a permit and perform the work themselves, (which is putting a lot of contractors out of work), and when something goes bad they contact the County to help them out of the problem. Commissioner Peters recommended that Building Official Collinsworth work with County Attorney McFarland to draft an ordinance that will serve Gulf County and bring it back to the Board. County Attorney McFarland discussed that what is currently being proposed is another level of Speciality Contractor registration, stating that the Speciality Contractor would have to register as a contractor before performing the work. Chief Administrator Butler discussed that the State regulates contractors and makes sure they can perform the duties, and the County needs to check on the legalities on this issue.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, the meeting did then adjourn at 7:37 p.m., E.T.

BILL WILLIAMS
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK